

The Georgia Board of Nursing met November 20-21, 2003 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, in Conference Room 104, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Roberts-Betsch, RN, DSN, President
Marbury Stegall, RN, MN, CS, Vice President
Linda Herren, RN, CRNA
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN
Karen Wessinger, BSHE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Darden, RN, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, RN, MSN, MBA, Executive Director
Deborah Beard, Compliance Manager
Frank Brown, RN, BSN, CLC, Nursing Consultant – Discipline/Legal
Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary
Julia E. Gould, RN, MS, Nursing Consultant – Education
Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney, Enforcement
Jacqueline Turner, Executive Director, Enforcement
Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant –Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor, Enforcement

VISITORS PRESENT (During Executive Session, visitors are excused unless scheduled for personal appearance)

LD	Personal Appearance
JB	Personal Appearance
DF	Personal Appearance
GK	Attorney for DF (Personal Appearance)

Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2003 Teleconference. Mr. Thigpen moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 22-24, 2003 Meeting. Mrs. Herren moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stegall moved, Mrs. Wessinger seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, *to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously. Those who voted to enter into Executive Session: Dr. Darden, Mrs. Herren, Mrs. Stegall, Mr. Thigpen, and Mrs. Wessinger.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, November 21, 2003, 8:35 a.m., Dr. Roberts-Betsch declared the meeting to be "Open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1-et.seq.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

NOTICE OF BORROWER DEFAULT ON REPAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS

Mrs. Wessinger moved to suspend the following license(s) to practice as a registered professional nurse for defaulting on Licensee's student loan, and further moves that this suspension will cease upon the receipt by the Division Director or a notice of release from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Registered Nurse:	License #	Registered Nurse:	License #
Penny Wilkerson	RN143419	Latasha L. Allen	RN155535
Glenda S. Williams	RN140256	Pamela M. Bonner	RN126828
Nomusa F. Mzimela	RN141556	Angela D. Jones (Mercer)	RN137612
Tanya R. Moody	RN132014	Dawn M. Chapman	RN143178
Lalena T. Miles	RN135713	Terry L. Langley	RN116408
Alma L. Boker	RN136077	Camille Hughes	RN131990
Susan V. Chaney	RN130555	Latessia T. Smith	RN136594
Love Kent	RN089507	Shelia G. Coffey	RN095318
Steven T. Releford	RN134673	Dee Ward	RN139004
Dorothy V. Thomas	RN126512	Kimberly S. Ashley	RN144925
Mary E. Hare	RN084013	Andrea C. Henry	RN130429
Jonah E. King	RN153033	Nicole S. Wafford	RN162327
Nicole W. Harmon-Williams	RN145749	Michelle R. Welsch (Kubiak)	RN161070
Virginia R. McCullen-Hester	RN125152		

REQUEST TO LIFT LIMITATIONS/END CONSENT ORDER EARLY

Dr. Darden moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below.

Case No.	Recommended Action
84-3 3801930022 3801940050 3801960061	Lift Limitations
3801990017	Lift Limitations
380940106 3801960055	Lift Limitations
88-51 3801000137	Lift Limitations
3801970005/ 3801010084	Deny to request to Lift Limitations.
3801960139	Deny request to end Consent Order early.
3801990014	Deny request to end Consent Order early.
91-146	Deny request to end Consent Order early.

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RENEWAL (REVIEW 2001-2005)

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Dr. Darden moved to accept the recommendations as they pertain to the cases listed below.

RNI040169- Direct referral to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order.

RNI040170- Write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CHANGES IN CONSENT ORDER LANGUAGE

Mrs. Wessinger moved to, refer proposed changes in Consent Order Language to the Attorney General's office to reflect paragraph entitled "Meeting with Board Representative", change the last sentence of this paragraph to insert new language to read as follows:

"The Respondent shall be responsible for scheduling such meeting. Failure to comply with such requirements shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in immediate suspension of Respondent's license to practice nursing until such time as full compliance with this requirement has been made by the Respondent."

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CONSENT ORDER

3801960229- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order extending probation. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010243- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include actual suspension. The nurse may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801990110- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order to include voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000295- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order extending probation for one (1) year and quarterly reports from psychiatrist. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010174- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order extending probation for one (1) year. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000076- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for an amended Consent Order extending probation for one (1) year. In addition, Mr. Thigpen moved to verify employer's signature on quarterly reports dated June 30, 2003 and September 30, 2003. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010033- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Order to include actual suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020196- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension pending receipt of M/P/E results. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATION REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040177- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny licensure. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040178- Mr. Thigpen moved to write the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for Full Review. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESTORATION OF LICENSE

3801010159- Mrs. Stegall moved to lift suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

38001960180- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting Quarterly Reports to be co-signed by a Licensed Mental Health Professional and to include a statement that the nurse can practice with reasonable skill and safety. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and Nurse Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, lift suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000096- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

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RNI040179- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801980085/ RNI030035- Mrs. Wessinger moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020171- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for reinstatement of licensure tracking South Carolina Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801000281/3801950092/3801910205- Mr. Thigpen moved to deny request for reinstatement of licensure. The applicant may petition for reinstatement after documented compliance in a Board approved aftercare program and six (6) months of sobriety. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION REVIEW

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RNI040180- Mrs. Stegall moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040181- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting a letter of explanation concerning disciplinary action in Iowa. In addition, the nurse is to request the Iowa Board of Nursing to forward a copy of the Final Disposition releasing nurse from probation. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for Full Review. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040182- Mr. Thigpen moved to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement with a Letter of Concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040183- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order for reinstatement of licensure tracking Louisiana Consent Order. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040184- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking Iowa Consent Order to include a minimum of 12 months probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF PRIOR PRESENTED CASE

3801990159- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include revocation of licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040171- Mrs. Wessinger moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040185- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer for Expert Peer Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040186- Mrs. Wessinger moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E, done by a physician other than nurse's employer, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040187- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Public Reprimand to include a Board approved continued education course on Nursing Ethics. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040160- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040188- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking Connecticut Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RENEWAL 2003-2005

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RNI040189- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order tracking Legal Probation. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040174- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040190- Mrs. Wessinger moved to proceed with Licensure with a Letter of Concern. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040191- Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040192- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040172- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include indefinite suspension. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040193- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040194- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order to include Revocation of Licensure. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040141- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040195- Mr. Thigpen moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040196- Mrs. Stegall moved to order the nurse to have an Outpatient M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board Member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NCLEX APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Stegall moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040216	RNI040221	RNI040226	RNI040230
RNI040217	RNI040222	RNI040227	RNI040231
RNI040218	RNI040223	RNI040228	RNI040232
RNI040219	RNI040224	RNI040229	RNI040233
RNI040220	RNI040225		

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

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Mrs. Stegall moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040234	RNI040239	RNI040244	RNI040249
RNI040235	RNI040240	RNI040245	RNI040250
RNI040236	RNI040241	RNI040246	RNI040251
RNI040237	RNI040242	RNI040247	RNI040252
RNI040238	RNI040243	RNI040248	

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

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Mrs. Stegall moved that the following applications reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040253

RNI040254

RNI040255

RNI040256

ADVANCED PRACTICE AUTHORIZATION

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Stegall moved that the following application reviewed by the Board Staff be **approved**. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040257

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040085- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Voluntary Surrender or an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for full review. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040092- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030028- Case referred to the Cognizant Board member for review.

RNI030096- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent order to include Voluntary Surrender or, an Expedited M/P/E utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member and the Nursing Consultant for Disciplinary Action. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030125- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer for Expert Peer Review. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030192- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020214- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020006- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030068- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030070- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case and alert the system. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI020308- Mrs. Stegall moved to close the case, alert the system, and notify the Alabama Board of Nursing of Lapsed License. The Alabama Board may request additional information from the Georgia Board of Nursing. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010062- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to re-open the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS/ORDERS- ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

The Status and Activity Report was reviewed.

Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept Ms. Jackson's report and her recommendation to adopt the following Consent Agreements/Orders as prepared by the Attorney General's office. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Cooper, Sybil, RN075038
RNI030183
RNI030060
Joyner, Amy, RN155024
RNI040126

James, Deborah, RN111734
Cleveland, Shane, RN158284
Carter, Robert, RN142030
Leach, Pamela, RN080136

RNI030110/RNI030160
Johnson, Karen, RN106675
Girenko, Oleg, RN167568
RNI020268

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Wagner, Linda, RN099854- Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the voluntary surrender of license. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

3801010120- Mr. Thigpen moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for Hearing or Private Consent Order. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801020236- Mrs. Wessinger moved to close the case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040024- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040087- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Private Consent Order. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI030016- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Public/Private Consent Order as warranted by Attorney General's office review. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040095- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office to determine if records on the two patients are available for review. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

FYI- Board reviewed memorandum from Ms. Janet Wray, Senior Attorney General, concerning Clean intermittent catheterization in the school systems as pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-26-3(6)(8), 43-26-12(a)(5).

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI030041- Mrs. Wessinger moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an Outpatient M/P/E, including treatment recommendations, utilizing the Confidential Order for Mental Physical Examination. Results are to be forwarded to the Board for Full Review. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order utilizing evaluation results and/or recommendations. If not warranted, close case. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3801010199- Mrs. Stegall moved to write the nurse a letter requesting an outpatient M/P/E utilizing guidelines for Mental Physical Examination. Results to be reviewed by the Cognizant Board member. If warranted, refer to the Attorney General's office for a Consent Agreement for reinstatement of licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040165- Mrs. Stegall moved to proceed with licensure. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW

(RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Dr. Darden moved to refer the following applications to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order/Agreement and appropriate fine. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

RNI040199- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040214- Participate in Board approved Reentry Program for reinstatement of Licensure in accordance with Board Rules.

RNI040201- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$475 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040200- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$150 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040204- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$400 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040203- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$475 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040202- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$475 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040205- Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$100 for unlicensed practice.

RNI040215- Mrs. Wessinger moved to refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$550 for unlicensed practice. In addition, nurse is required to participate in Board approved Reentry Program for reinstatement of Licensure in accordance with Board Rules. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040197- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Private Consent Order and a fine of \$1000 for unauthorized practice. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRACTICE QUESTION

ISSUE 1- Is authorization as an NP with certification in women's health, appropriate to render care to adult females, males, and geriatric patients? - Mrs. Stegall moved to approve the letter prepared by Katrina Martin, Nursing Practice Consultant, pursuant to Chapter 410-12-.03 of the Georgia Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations, identifying the accepted scope of practice of a nurse practitioner in the state of Georgia and the guidelines respective to the nurse practitioner's specialty. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Katrina Martin, RN, BSN, COHN-S, Nursing Consultant –Practice
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General (via Teleconference)

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Dr. Judith Plawecki	Clayton State Univ	Judith Gift	Coastal GA
Denise Grant	Northwestern Tech	Karen Spivey	Northwestern Tech
Dr. Kathryn Grams	State Univ of West GA	Dr. Maranah Sauter	LaGrange College
Natasha Lane	Valdosta State Univ	Lakeisha White	Valdosta State Univ
Bonita Werts	Valdosta State Univ	Christine Hurst	West Central Tech
Randa Smith	West Central Tech	Pat Hannon	West Central Tech
Ken Smith	West Central Tech	Dr. Alice Demi	Georgia State Univ
Dr. Kathleen Patuskay	Georgia State Univ	E. JoAnn Bacon	Georgia Stae Univ
Dr. Karen Hill	Bainbridge College	Shelia Ramer	Bainbridge College
Dr. Clifford Brock	Bainbridge College	Dr. Rob Gingros	Bainbridge College
Dr. JoAnne Jackson	Middle GA College	Debbie Greene	Middle GA College
Dr. Pamela O'Neal	Macon State College	Dr. Jeanette Bernhardt	State Univ West GA
Rebecca Corvey	Macon State College	Dr. Joyce Johnson	Albany State Univ
Dr. Linda Grimsley	Albany State Univ	Dr. Jdee Richardson	Albany State Univ
Mirian Worthy	Albany State Univ	Dr. Linda Amankwae	Albany State Univ
Sherry Ward	Albany State Univ	Janet Willis	Albany State Univ
Annette Smith	Albany State Univ	Dr. Adebisi Fabayo	Albany State Univ
Carole Jakeway	Georgia DHR	Sandra Leonard	Georgia DHR
DD	(Personal Appearance)		

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CONSENT ORDERS- LEGAL SERVICES

(RNI= Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the Report and the Private Consent Orders/Agreements as prepared by Legal Services. Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RNI040137

RNI040068

RNI040152

RNI020323

LICENSURE APPROVAL

Mrs. Wessinger moved, Mr. Thigpen seconded and the Board voted to **approve** applications for licensure and advanced practice authorization for the month of October who were determined, pursuant to Board approval guidelines, to have met licensure/authorization requirements. See attached reports.

REQUEST TO RELEASE CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION /INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

3801990036- Mrs. Stegall moved to release confidential application information as requested by applicant as permitted under O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k). Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the following:

- Nurse Licensure Stats
- Social Security numbers
- Letter from concerned nurses re: Wellstar Health System
- Confirmation of 2004 Board Meeting Dates
- Criminal background check: Follow-up to be discussed with the Attorney General's Office and Mollie Fleeman, Division Director.
- Proposed changes for 2003-2005 Renewal Period

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts-Betsch, Board President, informed the Board of her appointment by the State Senate to represent the GBON on the Blue Ribbon Commission on Response Investigations and Prosecution of Sexual Offenses [Senate Resolution 35], and discussed the commission's function.

SITE VISIT REPORTS

Coastal Georgia Community College

The Board reviewed Coastal Georgia Community College's April 8-9, 2003 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Wessinger moved to accept the nine (9) commendations and two (2) recommendations. In addition, Mrs. Wessinger moved, due to the change in Board meeting dates, to extend the **Full Approval** of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Coastal Georgia Community College until June 30, 2004 [410-3-.02(3)(a).] Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

LaGrange College

The Board reviewed LaGrange College's April 17-18, 2003 Site Visit Report. Dr. Darden moved to accept the Summary Report. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

Georgia State University

The Board reviewed Georgia State University's April 24-25, 2003 Site Visit Report. Mrs. Stegall moved to accept the Summary Report. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

Northwestern Technical College

The Board reviewed Northwestern Technical College's May 5-6, 2003 Site Visit Report. Dr. Darden moved to accept the six (6) commendations. Mrs. Herren seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. In addition, Dr. Darden moved to accept the five (5) recommendations. Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. A complete Site Visit Report is on file in the Board office.

SITE VISIT RESPONSES

Albany State University

The Board reviewed Albany State University's (ASU) responses to its May 15-16, 2003 recommendations. The Board members and ASU faculty members participated in an active, constructive dialogue. Mrs. Stegall moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses from Albany State University to the Board of Nursing May 15-16, 2003 recommendations. [410-3-10 (2)(b)]
2. Due to continued, documented noncompliance with 410-3-08, Conditional Approval for the baccalaureate nursing program at Albany State University is continued through December 31, 2004 [410-3-02(4).] If at least 80% of the entire 2004 class of first-time NCLEX-RN writers does not pass by December 31, 2004, program approval will be withdrawn. Contingent upon the findings of the 2004 site visit, the Board will decide whether any additional students will be permitted to enroll [410-3-02(5); 410-3-08.]

Mrs. Herren seconded the motion, which carried with Mr. Thigpen opposed and Dr. Darden abstaining. A complete report is on file in the Board office.

Middle Georgia College

At the March 27-28, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed the January 21-22, 2003 Site Visit Report. The responses to the Site Visit Report were appropriate. Dr. Darden moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses submitted by Middle Georgia College to the Board's January 21-22, 2003 Site Visit recommendations [410-3-10(2)(b).]
2. Accept the information submitted by Middle Georgia College about its satellite at East Georgia College [410-3-10(2)(c).]
3. Based upon compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (83/98- 84.6%) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the four (4) most recent calendar years (1999-2002), **Full Approval** is granted to the associate degree nursing program at Middle Georgia College through December 31, 2007. If no other reason presents itself, the next regular site visit will be scheduled during the 2006-2007 academic year [410-3-02(3)(a); 410-3-01(d).]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Columbus State University

At the July 17-18, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed the February 13-14, 2003 Site Visit Report. The responses to the Site Visit Report were appropriate. Mrs. Stegall moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses submitted by Columbus State University to the Board's February 13-14, 2003 Site Visit recommendations [410-3-10(2)(b).]

2. Based upon compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (94/98- 95.9%) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the four (4) most recent calendar years (1999-2002), **Full Approval** is granted to the baccalaureate nursing program at Columbus State University through December 31, 2007. If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2006-2007 academic year [410-3-.02(3)(a); 410-3-.01(d).]

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Thomas University

At the May 15-16, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed the February 18-19, 2003 Thomas University's Site Visit Report. The responses to the Site Visit Report were appropriate. The Program is eligible for continuation of its Full Approval. Since this is a RN/BSN program, NCLEX-RN performance is not applicable. Dr. Darden moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses submitted by Thomas University to the Board's February 18-19, 2003 site visit recommendations [410-3-.10 (2)(b).]
2. Based upon compliance with rules relating to annual and the most recent site visit report, **Full Approval** is granted to the baccalaureate degree nursing program at Thomas University through December 31, 2007. If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2006-2007 academic year. [410-3-.02(3)(a); 410-3-.01(d).]

Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Clayton College & State University

At the March 14-16, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed the responses to the February 27-28, 2003 Clayton College & State University's Site Visit Report and the responses were appropriate. Dr. Darden moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses to the February 27-28, 2003 site visit report recommendations submitted by Clayton College & State University [410-3-.10(2)(b).]
2. Based upon compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (135/167- 88%) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the four (4) most recent calendar years (2000-2003), **Full Approval** is granted to the baccalaureate degree nursing program at Clayton College & State University through December 31, 2007. If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2006-2007 academic year [410-3-.02(3)(a); 410-3-.01(d).]

Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Macon State College

At the July 17-18, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed the March 10-11, 2003 Site Visit Report. The responses were appropriate. The Program is eligible for continuation of **Full Approval**. Mrs. Stegall moved the following recommendations:

1. Accept the responses submitted by Macon State College to the Board's March 10-11, 2003 site visit recommendations [410-3-.10(2)(b).]

2. Based upon compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (195/232- 84%) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the four (4) most recent calendar years (1999-2002), **Full Approval** is granted to the associate degree nursing program at Macon State College through December 31, 2007. If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2006-2007 academic year [410-3-.02(3)(a); 410-3-.01(d).]

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

Bainbridge College

The Board reviewed Bainbridge College's responses to its July 17-18, 2003 recommendations. Mrs. Stegall moved the following recommendations:

1. Acknowledge Bainbridge College responses to recommendations (1), (2), (3), and (4) [410-3-.10 (2)(b).]
2. Provide the written agreement between Bainbridge College, Darton College, and Memorial Hospital & Manor (if applicable) which delineates the responsibilities of the involved parties related to the off-campus offering [410-3-.09(5).]
3. Twenty (20) copies of the 22-month report must be received in the Board office no later than February 4, 2004 for review by the Board at its March 10-11, 2004 meeting [410-4-.01 (2)(a), (b), (c), (d); 410-3-.10(2)(b).]

Mrs. Wessinger seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Darden abstaining.

West Central Technical College

The Board reviewed Report I submitted by West Central Technical College for its proposed associate degree program. Mrs. Wessinger moved the following recommendations:

1. Submit Faculty Qualification Records for the Program Director and faculty members [410-4-.01 (3)(a)(1); 410-3-.05.]
2. Review and revise program objectives so that they are consistent with the philosophy [410-4-.01 (3)(a)(4); 410-3-.04 (1)(b).]
3. Describe the connection between nursing and non-nursing courses and the rationale for their placement and sequence [410-4-.01(3)(a)(5); 410-3-.04 (1)(b), (1)(c).]
4. Provide a timeline showing the projected cohorts of students and courses for three (3) years after the first admission of students [410-4-.01(3)(a)(6); 410-3-.04.]
5. Provide written rationales for the number of times a course can be repeated and the readmission process [410-4-.01(3)(a)(9).]

Responses to the recommendations must be received in the Board office no later than February 11, 2004 for review at the Board's March 10-12, 2004 meeting [410-3-.10 (2)(b).]

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PROGRAM APPROVAL

State University of West Georgia

The approval status for the baccalaureate nursing program for State University of West Georgia was reviewed. Mr. Thigpen moved the following recommendation:

Based upon compliance with rules relating to annual reports, the most recent site visit report, and an overall passing percentage of at least 80% (85/101- 84.1%) of first-time NCLEX-RN writers over the four most recent calendar years (2000-2003), **Full Approval** is granted to the baccalaureate degree nursing program at State University of West Georgia through December 31, 2006. If no other reason presents itself, the next site visit will be scheduled during the 2005-2006 academic year [410-3-.02(3)(a)(d); 410-3-.01(d).]

Dr. Darden seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

SITE VISIT DATES

The Board discussed the Site Visits for Spring 2004.

EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

At the November 20-21, 2003 meeting, the Board reviewed information regarding Excelsior College as it deliberated whether to approve its graduates as applicants for licensure by examination. Dr. Darden moved the following:

Graduates from the School of Nursing at Excelsior College will not be approved as applicants for licensure by examination in Georgia because its program(s) do not meet criteria similar to, and not less stringent than, those established by the Georgia Board of Nursing [O.C.G.A. 43-26-7 (b); 410-6-.02(1)(a); 410-3-.03(4); 410-3-.04(1)(e).] Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

ISSUE 1- Student Health Advocacy in the School Setting: Mrs. Stegall moved to send a representative of the Georgia Board of Nursing to meet with DHR Coalition to discuss the issue(s). Dr. Darden seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS- DISCIPLINARY MATTER

(RNI= Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number.)

RNI040108- Mr. Thigpen moved to extend the time period for 30 days, to December 21, 2003, for receipt of M/P/E results to the Board office. Mrs. Stegall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

3801990126- Mrs. Stegall moved to refer to the Attorney General's office for a Hearing or Consent Order with stipulations of previous Consent Order to include supervised nursing practice and no private duty. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried with Dr. Darden abstaining.

SWEARING IN OF COGNIZANT BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Stegall moved and Dr. Darden seconded the nomination of Scott Thigpen as a Cognizant Board Member. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Fleeman, Division Director, performed the confirmation of Mr. Thigpen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Stegall presented the Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Report from the October 31, 2003 meeting. Dr. Darden moved to re-appoint Ann Weathersby and Janice Izlar to the APRN committee. Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

In addition, Mrs. Stegall informed the Board of the conference she attended November 16-18, 2003, Economic Impact of the Registered Nurse Shortage: Macro Perspective, sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

The Rules Committee has proposed to meet prior to the scheduled January 2004 Board meeting. Sandy Bond will contact the committee members to confirm date and time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Linda Roberts-Betsch, President

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director

The minutes were recorded by Monica Bridges-Roberts, Board Secretary, and approved on January 15, 2004.